

**657—23.11 (124,155A) Drugs dispensed—general requirements.**

**23.11(1) Labeling.** All prescription containers, other than those dispensed pursuant to rule 657—22.1(155A), 657—23.13(124,155A), or 657—23.14(124,155A), shall be properly labeled in accordance with 657—subrule 6.10(1).

*a.* If a label change is required to reflect a change in directions, the pharmacy shall be responsible for affixing the correct label to the container. Long-term care facility personnel shall not be authorized to affix such a label to the drug container.

*b.* Direction change labels that notify long-term care facility personnel that a change in directions for the drug has taken place may be used and affixed to the container by facility personnel so as not to deface the original label.

**23.11(2) Medication order required.** Dispensing of all drugs to the facility shall be pursuant to a medication order for an individual resident except as provided in rules 657—23.5(124,155A) and 657—23.14(124,155A) and in subrule 23.9(4).

**23.11(3) Prescription containers.** All prescription containers, including but not limited to single unit, unit dose, and unit of issue containers utilized for distribution within a long-term care facility, shall meet minimum requirements as established by the United States Pharmacopoeia. When applicable, light-resistant packaging shall be used.

**23.11(4) Floor stock.** Prescription drugs, as defined by Iowa Code section 155A.3(30), shall not be floor-stocked in a long-term care facility except as provided in this subrule or in subrule 23.5(2). Bulk supplies of nonprescription drugs may be maintained as provided in subrule 23.13(3). Any pharmacy that utilizes a floor stock distribution system pursuant to this subrule shall develop and implement procedures to accurately establish proof of use of prescription drugs and shall maintain a perpetual inventory, whether by electronic or manual means, of all prescription drugs so dispensed. A floor stock distribution system for prescription drugs may be permitted only under the following circumstances:

*a.* A licensed pharmacy under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist is established in the facility; or

*b.* The facility and the hospital wherein the licensed pharmacy is located are both licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B with a single hospital license.